

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 9-3-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 7
Marriage, divorce and remarriage.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) In our last time together, we came back to the New Testament. Our first stop, Romans 7.
 - a) This passage speaks to the believer's new position in Christ as a new creation.

b. Romans 7:1-6

- 1) Verse 1 – those who are dead are not subject to the law.
- 2) Verse 2 – marriage is designed to be until death do you part.
- 3) Verse 3 – the law is still in effect if you are alive.
- 4) Verse 4 – “dead to the law by the body of Christ.”
- 5) Verse 5 – the unbeliever is under the law and thus condemned by the law.
- 6) Verse 6 – “delivered from the law.”

c. I Corinthians 7:1-5

- 1) Verse 1 – “good for a man not to touch a woman.”
- 2) Verse 2 – to avoid “fornication” marriage is the decision you need to weigh.
- 3) Verse 3 – “due” – husband and wife are connected in every way to each other.
- 4) Verse 4 – Giving yourself freely to one another. Oneness.
- 5) Verse 5 – “defraud” – means to withhold from one another.

d. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We pick up with verse 6 this evening.

2. Paul answers questions about singleness and marriage. I Cor. 7:6-9

a. Verse 6 –

- 1) Be careful not to look at this the wrong way.
- 2) Based on what Paul said here, some have wondered –
- 3) Why would the Lord allow this statement?

b. Verse 7 –

- 1) “even as I myself” – referring to being unmarried.
- 2) Paul acknowledges that not every person has this gift.
 - a) Matthew 19:10-12 –
 - b) Genesis 2:18 to Genesis 2:24 –
 - c) God has called some to be exceptions to His own rule.
- 3) Singleness can be of the Lord.

c. Verses 8-9 –

- 1) What do you see here?
 - a) To the “unmarried and widows” –

d. Things to keep in mind as we move forward.

- 1) Verse 1-9 are pre-marriage truths concerning both singleness and marriage.
- 2) In verses 10 and 12 we find Paul addressing two groups.
- 3) In verses 10-11 Paul repeats a principle.
- 4) In verses 12-16 Paul deals with a question that Jesus did not mention.

3. Paul speaks to believers about marriage. I Cor. 7:10-11

a. Verse 10 –

- 1) Why is this considered to be to believers?
- 2) The word “depart” means to separate by divorce.
- 3) What is the command?
 - a) “Let not the wife depart from her husband.”
 - b) Why?
- 4) As husband and wife, you have entered a covenant before the Lord.
- 5) You might ask, why did Paul not mention the exception here?

b. Verse 11 –

- 1) See this as example that applies equally to both.
- 2) The word “depart” – means to leave by divorce.
- 3) Paul stated – “let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband.”
 - a) To remain unmarried would be to avoid adultery.
 - b) To “be reconciled” means to return into harmony with.
- 4) Please take a moment and seek to see and understand God’s heart here.
- 5) The danger Paul is seeking to avoid is –
- 6) Paul is advocating for reconciliation.
- 7) For some, verse 11 has created an interesting question.

4. Tonight’s Take Away:

- a. When you begin to dig into this subject of marriage, you find there is a lot to it especially seeking to navigate what God has said in a world and culture that is anti-God and anti-truth.